THE MYSORE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

SEVENTY-FOURTH DAY

Saturday, 9th September, 1961.

The House met in the Assembly Hall, Vidhana Soudha, Bangalore, at Thirty Minutes past Eight of the Clock.

MR. SPEAKER (Sri S. R. KANTHI, B.A., LL.B.) in the Chair.

STARRED QUESTIONS

(to which oral answers were given)

ANNOUNCEMENT OF GOVERNMENT MINERAL POLICY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE NEW POLICY OF GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

*Q.—775. Sri C. K. RAJAIAH SHETTY (Chicknaikanahalli).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether Government of Mysore have announced their mineral policy in accordance with the new policy announced by the Government of India and if so, when;

(*b*) the number of M.L. & P.L. applications pending in the Department, since last three years for Mn. and Iron (Fe):

(*c*) the number of applications disposed of since last three years for Iron and Mn., P.L., and M. L.,

(*d*) the extent of areas reserved for exploitation by B.D.M. and the minerals for which they are reserved?

A.— Sri K. F. PATIL (Minister for State Transport, Mining and Food).—

(*a*) Yes, Government of Mysore have announced their mineral policy in Government Orders Nos. CI 120 MML 59, dated 22nd June 1961 and dated 23rd August 1961.

(*b*) Statement appended.

(*c*) Statement appended.

(*d*) An extent of 4030 sq. miles has been reserved for State Exploitation through the Board of Mineral Development for Manganese ore Iron ore and Chromite.

(Sri K. F. PATIL)

Statement showing the pendency of applications for mineral concessions.

	Prospecting Licences for Manganese and Iron.	*Mining Leases for Manganese and Iron.*
Applications pending as on 1-4-1958 ...	234	203
Applications received during 58-59 ...	399	188
Total ...	633	391
Disposed during 1958-1959 ...	286	151
Pending as on 1-4-1959 ...	347	240
Applications received during 59-60 ...	142	112
Total ...	489	352
Disposed during 1959-60 ...	96	163
Pending as on 1-4-1960 ...	393	189
Applications received during 60-61 ...	306	160
Total ...	699	349
Disposed during 1960-61 ...	88	54
Pending as on 1-4-61 ...	611	295
Applications receivedfrom 1-4-1960 to25-6-1961..	112	22
Total ...	723	317
Disposed upto 25 June 1961 ...	17	20
Pending as on 26th June 1961 ...	706	297

Sri C. K. RAJAIAH SHETTY.—Sir, out of 4030 sq. miles reserved for State exploitation, may I now the extent now operated by Government agency?

†Sri K. F. PATIL.—It is a very small area. We cannot say definitely how many sq. miles.

Sri C. K. RAJAIAH SHETTY.—What is the good of reserving such a vast extent? Is it not anti-national and is it not necessary to exploit the mineral wealth so as to secure the benefits earlier?

†Indicates that the remarks or speeches have not been revised by the Member concerned.

Sri K. F. PATIL.—From a large area that is available out of 4 030 sq. miles...it is a vast area reserved to meet the requirements of the State Government in future also. Up to 100 years we can exploit.

Sri C. K. RAJAIAH SHETTY.—How many years will the Government take in order to exploit the full area?

Sri K. F. PATIL.—It is very difficult, to say.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—Sir, what are your plans at least to exploit this area of 4030 sq. miles? Have you drawn up any blue-prints for the exploitation of this area?

Sri K. F. PATIL.—We have drawn up plans for five years,-not for 50 years or 100 years.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—At least for the duration of the 3rd or the 4th five year plan, have you any programme ready?

Sri K. F. PATIL.—The Mineral Development Board started seriously its activities last year only and it has exported at least 6 shipments of ore. This year we are going to export at least from west coast ports more than 2 lakhs of tons apart from Sandoor area in the next few years we will export at least 2 million tons.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—My question is, in terms of total area which you have reserved for exploitation purposes, what proportion does it represent? Have you calculated it?

Sri K. F. PATIL.—That is difficult to say because the depth in some places will be more and in some places less. It depends upon the depth and the quality of the ore also.

Sri R. NAGAN GOWDA.—What is the profit that you have made in the export of 6 shipment of iron ore ?

Sri K. F. PATIL.—The accounts have not been adjusted. We have entered into an agreement with the STC for getting 2/3rds of the profit.

Sri R. NAGAN GOWDA.—What is the approximate amount ?

Sri K. F. PATIL.—I am not in a position to say that.

Sri S. D. KOTHAWALE.—Has the S. T. C. prepared a phased programme ?

Sri K. F. PATIL.—It will get customers outside this country. We will give permits to private individuals as well as to the State Mineral Development Board for the necessary quantities.

Sri C. J. MUCKANNAPPA.—What are the valid reasons for the pendency of such a number of applications ?

Sri K. F. PATIL.—It took a long time to reserve the area for the Mineral Development Board. Two main survey parties had to go round for 2 years. The policy of 1957 had to be changed.

Sri C. M. ARUMUGHAM.—What was the valid reason ?

Sri K. F. PATIL.—That was the valid reason.

Sri C. M. ARUMUGHAM.—How long will it take to dispose of all the applications ?

Sri K. F. PATIL.—Government has taken a decision to reject all the pending applications prior to the policy decision. Fresh applications are invited even quoting the old application references.

Sri G. DUGGAPPA.—Have you reserved any area for precious minerals like gold, copper, sulphur ?

Sri K. F. PATIL.—Gold forms a separate category altogether. For copper we have not reserved, but investigations are going on in 2 or 3 places for copper. For sulphur also investigations are going in Chitradurga.

Sri C. J. MUCKANNAPPA.—Is this area of 4,030 sqmiles in one place or spread out in different places ?

Sri K. F. PATIL.—It is spread out throughout the State.

Sri C. J. MUCKANNAPPA.—Is it not a fact that the pendency of these applications is due to the delay in the Office to decide the policy ?

Sri K. F. PATIL.—Government wanted to finalise the reserved area before allotting any area to private parties.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—With reference to your talks with the S. T. C. what is the limit of profit that the State Government is going to get from these transactions ?

Sri K. F. PATIL.—66-2/3 per cent of the profit will be to the State Government and 33½ per cent to the S. T. C.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—Is that the agreement concluded ?

Sri K. F. PATIL.—Yes.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—On that basis what is the profit made so far ?

Sri K. F. PATIL.—The final agreement was signed only last week. The accounts have not been adjusted.

Sri C. K. RAJAIAH SHETTY.—Is it not a fact that you are not able to supply ore to Bhadravathi and they are purchasing from outside ?

Sri B. D. JATTI.—That is not the reason, because we will have to call for tenders and whichever tender is favourable we will accept. Simply because it is Government ore Bhadravathi is not expected to buy it.

Sri C. K. RAJAIAH SHETTY.—Is it not the duty of the S. T. C. to process these minerals instead of selling them raw? Is it not anti-national?

Sri K. F. PATIL.—There is enough raw material to meet the requirements of industries fully for the coming 100 years. We are short of foreign exchange and so we have to sell some ore in the raw form also. We cannot turn everything into finished products.

Sri C. K. RAJAIAH SHETTY.—Has the Government estimated the needs of our State as far as minerals like limestone and clay are concerned

Sri K. F. PATIL.—Limestone and clay we are not exporting at all. It is only iron ore and manganese ore that we export. Estimate of deposits of limestone has also been surveyed.

Sri C. K. RAJAIAH SHETTY.—Even though vast quantities of ores are available in the State, is it not a fact that lot of this material is coming here from outside the State ?

Sri. K. F. PATIL.—A complete survey and mapping of old Mysore area is available, but survey and mapping of the integrated areas has not been done. Two departmental branches have been established and the work is going on.

Sri C. K. RAJAIAH SHETTY.—When do you expect to complete the survey and prepare a new geological map of the State ?

Sri K. F. PATIL.—It is a huge task. It can never be said to be complete so far as geological deposits are concerned. Efforts are being made to estimate the products as far as possible.

Sri C. K. RAJAIAH SHETTY.—Is there a plan to conduct the survey?

Sri K. F. PATIL.—Both the State Government and the Central Government have plans.

ALTERNATIVE SCHEMES SUGGESTED BY THE GADAG-BETGERI MUNICIPALITY FOR WATER SUPPLY TO THE TOWN.

*Q.—856. Sri K. P. GADAG (Gadag).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the alternative schemes suggested by the Gadag-Betgeri Municipality for water supply to the town ;

(*b*) whether any scheme for the supply of water to Gadag-Betgeri has been approved by the Government and the Municipality ;

(*c*) if so, the scheme that has been approved now ;

(*d*) whether any estimate of the scheme approved been made ;

(*e*) is so, what is the estimate ;

(*f*) whether it is a fact that Central Government has given top-priority to water supply sehemes during the Third Plan ;

(*g*) if so, the amount that has been alloted to Mysore State for water supply schemes in urban and rural areas ?